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This report is submitted pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-255 for fiscal year 2005.

The Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health Services, State Laboratory examined a total of 170 food samples for adulteration or microbiologically hazardous substances. Approximately 27 of the samples examined exceeded acceptable standards for consumption.

Upon verification, all significant results were transmitted to the State Laboratory's Microbiology Office and to the Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health Services, Bureau of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention Services and/or to the local county health department involved.

The following samples were implicated as contributors of major Public Health significance:

- 1. A sample of guacamole from Ralibertos had an elevated Total Coliform level of >1100.0/gm.
- 2. A sample of Pico-De-Gallo from Ralibertos had an elevated Total Coliform level of >1100.0/gm.
- 3. A sample of guacamole from Ralibertos contained an elevated Total Coliform level of >1100.0/gm.
- 4. A sample of Cabeza from Ralibertos had an elevated Total Coliform level of 1100.0/gm.
- 5. A sample of ham from Ralibertos had an elevated Total Coliform level of 1100.0/gm.
- 6. A sample of Machaca from Ralibertos had elevated levels of Aerobic Bacteria and Total Coliform of 3,600000/gm and >1100.0/gm respectively.
- 7. A sample of Pico –De-Gallo from Ralibertos had an elevated Total Coliform level of >1100.0/gm.
- 8. A sample of Machaca contained an elevated Total Coliform level of >1100.0/gm.
- 9. A bottle of Powerade drink made by Coca-Cola Bottling Company contained mold, identified as <u>Fusarium</u> sp.

- 10. A cut-fruit sample from the Arizona State Fair ground had an elevated Total Coliform of 1100.0/gm.
- 11. A lettuce sample from the Arizona State Fair ground contained an elevated Total Coliform of > 1100.0/gm.
- 12. Guacamole from Los-Armados had an elevated Total Coliform level of 1100.0/gm.
- 13. A sample of 3-bean salad from Scottsdale Resort had an elevated mold count of 10,000/gm.
- 14. Pasta salad from Scottsdale Resort contained an elevated Total Coliform count of >1100.0/gm.
- 15. A shredded cheese sample from losbetos had an elevated Total Coliform level of >1100.0/gm.
- 16. A sample of cut potatoes from Losbetos had an elevated Aerobic Bacteria and Total Coliform levels of 16,000,000/gm and >1100.0/gm respectively.
- 17. A sample of guacamole from Losbetos contained an elevated Aerobic Bacteria and Total Coliform levels of 2,000,000/gm and >1100.0/gm respectively.
- 18. A sample of cheeseburger/lettuce/tomatoes/onions from Whataburger had an elevated Aerobic Bacteria and Total Coliform counts of 5,000,000/gm and >1100.0/gm respectively.
- 19. A sample of pasta tuna salad contained an elevated Total Coliform level of 1100.0/gm.
- 20. Pancake and waffle flour from Golden Malted Inc. contained flour beetles identified as Tribolium confusum.
- 21. A sample of cooked noodles from New China Super Buffet had an elevated Total Coliform level of 1100.0/gm.
- 22. A sample of rice from Chen Wok contained an elevated Total Coliform level of >1100.0/gm.
- 23. Cooked onions from Cooper Kettle contained an elevated levels of Aerobic Bacteria and Total Coliform of 94,000,000/gm and 1100.0/gm respectively.
- 24. Refried beans from Manuel's had an elevated Total Coliform level of 1100.0/gm.

- 25. Onion sauce from Copper Kettle contained an elevated Total Coliform level of >1100.0/gm.
- 26. Shredded beef from Asian Market had an elevated Total Coliform level of 1100.0/gm.
- 27. Cooked chicken from Thort's Wrap contained an elevated Total Coliform level of >1100.0/gm.